

From: Steven A. Reed [mailto:steve@reedlawgroupcc.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2010 7:03 AM
To: Planning
Subject: Arbor Daycare Special Exception Use

Dear Planning & Development Services' Representative and Commission,

I own a condominium and reside at 200 Briarcrest Drive #120, Ann Arbor MI 48104, which means I am within two blocks or less of Arbor Dog Daycare. I did not respond to the earlier requests for comments; however, I must respond now.

I am strongly opposed to granting the exception and to continued debate on this issue.

I purchased my condominium understanding that there was a small dog daycare facility located in the area. In my view it is similar to purchasing a residence close to the Ann Arbor Airport. To now suggest that the size of the dog daycare be increased as has been requested is not appropriate, any more than telling the resident that purchased a home next to the Ann Arbor Airport that the airport is being increased to the size of Metro Airport. The long term effect will be to lower the value of my property and **I would request that you once again deny the request.**

For the record, I own two dogs and I frequently walk around the area so I see and hear Arbor Dog Daycare current operations. I am not anti dogs and I believe the current size is acceptable. The increase will not serve any significantly larger public policy (e.g., a significant increase in the number of local jobs), instead only serving at best to increase the net profits for the owners.

It does not make sense based upon the current issues confronting the City of Ann Arbor to continue to debate this issue and to continue to use limited time and City of Ann Arbor resources on this issue. The request was denied after a fair opportunity for input and consideration and nothing new is being presented at the rehearing that was not or could not have been presented at the initial hearing. Arbor Dog Daycare fails to demonstrate that the Ann Arbor Planning Commission was misled in any manner, instead merely alleging the same statements that were initially made at the last hearing.

Once again, I request that the special exception use be denied and that no further debate be allowed on this issue.

/s/ Steven A. Reed

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From: Peter Svoboda [mailto:psvobod1@twcny.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2010 1:25 AM
To: Planning
Cc: Cheng, Christopher
Subject: Letter to Planning Commission & CCheng Re Arbor Dog Daycare

I am Jon's father.

I can tell you one of the main drivers, and most likely the main driver of opening this business, was not money, but Jon and Margaret's love and caring for dogs. This is evidenced throughout his life. Jon became involved with supporting the Huron Valley Humane Society over 15 years ago. He is also the president of the board of the Buster Foundation, a local dog rescue based out of Belleville. He and Margaret have personally rescued and fostered numerous dogs in their home, including their current foster dog that was relinquished into their custody from a scheduled euthanasia. These are the actions of compassionate people, not a greed driven corporation.

With regard to Arbor Dog Daycare, I should also like to note that it was voted the best dog daycare / boarding favorite in 2008 and 2009 by the Michigan Tail's Reader's Choice Awards.

As I look over the comments on Ann Arbor.com, the one thing I notice is that for the most part, the votes in favor are trying to make logical arguments, and the comments against are pretty emotional and based on trying to engage fears about something that MIGHT happen.

To those who wrote these merely emotional reactions, and apparently having no facts at hand, I say this. To mkw who lives in the country, Mr. Granger, who wants to be able to sit on his patio and hear the birds, and AA, are you aware that Arbor Dog Daycare is *sound proofed*? Do you realize that, if you stand outside the daycare you would not be able to hear any dog barking. I have been to the Ann Arbor Dog Daycare many times, and on each occasion have not noticed any disturbing noise. That's pretty darn good if you ask me.

Furthermore, are you also aware of the fact in terms of the outside dog exercise area, that my son has a policy that if any dog is barking outside, they are to be brought in immediately, and the incident is to be reported to the owners for further possible preventable action. Are you also aware that the number of dogs in the outside play area is **NOT INCREASING**. I have seen the 10 minute video tape that Margaret, my daughter in law made, where she walked to each of the housing units and then ended up at the outside dog run area, where there were 20 dogs outside at that time, and this is pretty solid evidence, that the sound issue has been addressed.

I know according to the article in the paper, that there was an incident of a dog barking. Incidents like this are going to happen from time to time. My son looked into that and found that it had been reported to a manager twice, but due to some sort of foul up, the dog was left outside, and he has held special meetings with his employees to help prevent, and reduce any such possible incidents in the future.

My son and daughter in law have bent over backwards to address this issue, and I think he and Margaret have taken all steps to reduce any possible problem.

I should note here that when my son had the sound study done, they found that there was considerable barking coming not from the daycare, but from neighbors who had dogs in the area. Does this mean that these neighbors should get rid of their dogs? In all fairness, if the planning commission votes against the expansion, then the logic should follow that no new neighbors, or current neighbors, can have a dog because that would be the only way to fully solve the problem.

There have also been some unsound and unfounded comments by AA, MKW, and Mr. Granger, who seem to be flailing about, and making some comments casting aspersions on my son and daughter .in law, in the comments to the Ann Arbor news..

Mr. Granger, referring to MKW's arithmetic, which does not take in any of the very considerable costs, writes in his latest "That is serious money, and this expansion is about profit. That is plenty of money to influence an Ann Arbor election."

Ann Arbor Dog Daycare is a small business. It is not a megalith, it is not Wal-Mart, or some major factory. It is trying to survive, operate, care for dogs, be a good neighbor, and make a little profit. Once you take into account rent, insurance, considerable payroll, unemployment insurance, disability insurance, soundproofing, and all the other expenses, the profit margin is much smaller than you think.

Granger now seems to now suggest that money is being used for bribery, or will be offered in the future. There seems to be no end to his incessant negative, mixed, and convoluted rants, which appeal to fear and other negative emotions. Next, perhaps he will be suggesting that it is a major corporate or communist plot.

Arbor Dog Daycare is a small business that was started by two very caring people, who invested a great deal money, in trying to establish a dog day care facility in the area, and from everything I can see, barring an occasional incident, there is no reason why this business can not co-exist with the housing in the area.

In closing, I would like to once again state the following facts. First, Arbor Dog Daycare is pretty well soundproofed, any further expansion would be done with similar sound proofing. If you stand outside the Daycare, right outside its door, it will be hard for anyone to hear any disturbing noise. In addition, the housing complexes are a considerable distance away and there are several additional buffers such as trees and fencing . Second the number of dogs who will be allowed outside at any one given time is **NOT CHANGING -NOT CHANGING -NOT CHANGING**. If the number of outside dogs in the play area is NOT increased from what it is now, the sound will not increase. Three, a policy is in place to bring in any dog immediately which is barking that might create a distressing noise that could affect any neighbors. Fourth, the videotape made by my daughter in law pretty clearly demonstrates that from any of the apartment complexes, you can not hear disturbing noises coming from the daycare.

The world isn't perfect. I am sure there will be an occasional incident. But with the soundproofing and NO INCREASE in the number of dogs outside, there is no rational argument for voting no for the requested change. My son and daughter in law are doing everything possible to be a good neighbor. They are a good neighbor. I am hoping that logic, reason, and fairness will win out over fear. If it does not, it will be a travesty.

Peter Svoboda

From: Susan Coon [mailto:susan.coon@duke.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 10:48 AM
To: Planning
Subject: Please reconsider Arbor Dog Daycare's request to expand

Dear Planning Commission:

Arbor Dog Daycare has been a strong member of our community in its current location for 4 years now. Most neighbors were unaware of the Daycare's existence until the request to expand was sent out. Reading over the agreements that they came to with the neighboring residential communities, it is apparent that not increasing the outdoor area usage satisfied these housing communities. In referencing the original submission, it is apparent that the vast majority of resident concerns presented were based upon the potential impact of an increase in dogs on Odor and Sound. The agreements obtained by Arbor Dog Daycare from the neighboring communities addressed these concerns in a manner in and submitted to the Planning Commission should have answered these concerns. Out of the several hundred notified of this request, only two individuals remain with issues. This puts those remaining opposed at less than 1% of the surrounding residents. In support, the Owners have met with all of the neighboring facilities, obtained their buy-in along with several hundred signatures in support. It never crossed my mind that with all they have done to ensure that they comply with the Planning Commission's requests, that their request would have been rejected.

The fact that their request was rejected for something that wasn't included in the Special Exception Use request is quite concerning, as they committed to continue to hold the number of dogs outdoors in the "Dog Run" to 25 at any one time.

It is my request that the Planning Commission reverse their decision and allow Arbor Dog Daycare the Special Exception Use Permit as they requested.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sue Coon, daughter of MJ Coon, who lives at 1901 Austin Ave, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104

October 14, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Arbor Dog Daycare, as the owners John and Margaret plan to expand their facility.

In the past, I have written to this commission with some concerns I had regarding the expansion. John and Margaret have personally addressed these concerns and have assured me, and other property owners along Main and W. Oakbrook that the facility will in no way encroach on or disrupt our current day to day activities. John and Margaret specifically addressed my concerns regarding: increased noise, possible waste, encroachment on the open grassy areas, and property values.

I am thoroughly satisfied with the expedient manner in which John and Margaret approached me to speak about my concerns and with the series of measures they have taken in order to ensure that there is no significant increase in noise level, waste will be removed immediately, there will be no loss of green space, and that property values will not be affected in one way or another due to their expansion.

I am the President of the Board of Directors of Balmoral Park Condominiums. A few of our co-owners have expressed their concerns to the board about Arbor Dog Daycare's expansion. John and Margaret visited with us at our board meeting in January 2010 and also placated the concerns of the board on behalf of our co-owners. I sent a follow-up about the situation to the co-owners and the exact letter is included below.

On a more personal note, my wife, Kavitha, and I have gotten to know John and Margaret. They are wonderful neighbors to our property and have, in my view, treated those they come across with the utmost respect and class. I recently witnessed John interacting with one of his employees in a trying time for the employee. What I witnessed of John, was a man of compassion and caring, always willing to do the right thing and do right by people. John and Margaret have wonderful core values and my wife and I value as our neighbors, a community business that exemplifies its owners' values in its business practices.

In a trying time for our economy and our state, I am happy to see a neighborhood business expanding, creating more jobs, and generating more revenue for Ann Arbor, our home. It is my opinion that it would be irresponsible of this committee to occlude this family business from growing.

Given that John and Margaret have gone above and beyond to cater to the concerns of their surrounding community and to ensure us all that their business will be only beneficial to our communities, my wife and I both support Arbor Dog Daycare's expansion efforts.

I leave this letter in the care of John and Margaret, to submit to the City of Ann Arbor and to read it aloud at the hearing, on my behalf, if they so choose to.

Sincerely,

Vishal R. Shah

BALMORAL PARK CONDOS

Ann Arbor, MI

balmoralparkcommunity.com

Hi everyone!

I hope you all had a wonderful time during the Holidays and want to wish you all a very happy New Year.

I am writing to inform everyone about the ongoing situation with Arbor Dog Daycare, across the street from our property. Some of our residents had a few concerns about the expansion and we wanted to address these concerns, as a Board. We wanted to be friendly neighbors and encourage a local business to grow, while still looking out for our co-owners here on property. John and Margaret, the owners of the facility attended the recent Board meeting in order to visit with us and help us understand their plans.

The chief concerns our residents had were regarding odor, encroachment, noise, and property values. Here is what we learned from our interactions with Arbor Dog's owners:

Odor:

Some residents are concerned that the increase in dogs will lead to an increase in any odors from the facility that will disrupt our property. My wife and I had the pleasure of touring the facility the day after the Board meeting. We learned that the owners have instructed their employees to bag and tie all fecal matter from their lawn area (where they take the dogs to relieve themselves). In addition, these bags are then put into a larger trash-bag and promptly disposed in a larger private dumpster. The workers take every effort to keep the dumpster lids closed. In fact, the dumpster lid was open for a brief time while we were on the tour, and we could not smell anything even from near the facility. Our closest edge is about 250-300 feet away from their dumpster, so we do not anticipate odor being a problem. In addition, as they have always done, Arbor Dog will continue to clean-up (at their own expense) after "other" dogs (not ones housed in the facility) that have defecated on their lawn, and have actually had a large problem with this. This is a nice time to remind everyone to please pick up after their own pets on Balmoral Park grounds. Remember, the grassy areas are like your front lawn, please respect it as if it were your own property (because in some ways, it is);).

Encroachment:

Many of us are under the impression that Arbor Dog is expanding their facility and building a new structure in the space that is currently a large grassy area across the street

from our property. We were assured that this is simply not true. The warehouse across the street is made up of four separate units: A,B,C,D. Currently, unit A is occupied by Arbor Dog Daycare and unit D is occupied by Superior Lawn and Snow Removal (the snow removal company with which Balmoral Park has a contract this Winter). Units B and C were occupied by Comcast, who has recently left. Arbor Dog plans to expand laterally into these vacant units without obtrusive or encroaching construction.

Noise:

This is probably the most concerning issue for our residents. Currently, we get a lot of noise from the facility during warmer months, as the dogs are free to play outside in a fenced dog run on Arbor Dog Daycare's property. The owners have assured us that they would take steps to reduce the number of dogs (from the current number of 25) that are allowed into the dog-run at any given time. They will also instruct the dogs to play quieter. In addition, the owners will conduct an additional "noise study" to have the current and projected (after the expansion) decibel levels evaluated to ensure that they can structurally improve their facility to reduce noise. The owners have guaranteed that they will maintain a noise level lower than the maximum noise level allowed by city ordinances. This is a significant concern, and should be addressed thoroughly.

Property Values:

Some people were concerned that the expansion of the daycare facility would negatively impact our property values here at Balmoral Park. The good news is that there will be no structural expansion that will disturb the current view/ambiance of our neighborhood. In addition, many of the co-owners at Balmoral (including my wife and I who have two small dogs, and Holli and Dave who have a beautiful Lab.) are pet-lovers and pet-owners. Our surrounding neighborhoods on Oakbrook and Main are also ripe with pet-owners and pet-friendly families, many of which use Arbor Dog Daycare's services on a regular basis. While we can't accurately project any impact on home-values one way or another, I can only assume that the departure of Comcast's vans and debris coinciding with the expansion of a local, neighborhood-friendly business can't really be a detriment to Balmoral Park.

I hope the Board has addressed all of your concerns. Please feel free to contact me at anytime if there is any way in which I can help you further.

Best Regards,

Vishal Shah

President, Board of Directors

Petition Supporting Arbor Dog Daycare Special Use Permit

At Arbor Dog Daycare we continue to strive to provide the best dog services possible. Over the last three years we have continued to grow within our existing Special Use Permit limitations, but have reached the point where if we don't expand soon, we will have to start turning dogs away. To prevent this we need to expand upon our current special use permit. Would you please support us by signing our petition so we can do the following:


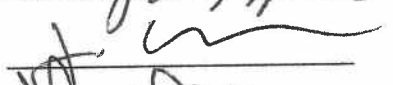

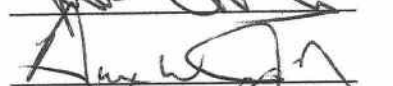

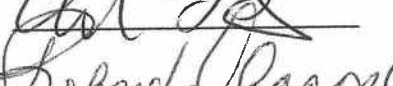
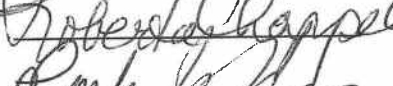

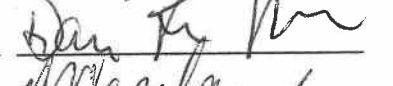

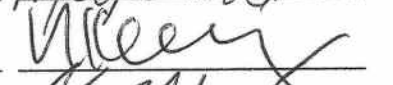
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In our efforts to continue to improve our relations with our neighbors, we commit to the following actions:

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We believe that the above actions will allow us to continue to grow as a business while decreasing our potential impact on neighboring businesses and residences.

If you agree, please sign in support of amending the Special Use Permit being requested by Arbor Dog Daycare.

Name (please print)	Address	Signature
Courtney Krzyzaniak	120 W. Oakbrook	
Jeffery Cho	140 W. Oakbrook	
Cerald Obritzhorn	130 W. Oakbrook	
Aaron Janks	137 W. Oakbrook Dr.	
Andrea Summers	131 W Oakbrook	
Robert Chappell	129 W Oakbrook	
Embs, Jody	127 W Oakbrook Dr.	
Diana McCalla	123 W. Oakbrook Dr.	
Mindy Copeland	252 W. Oakbrook Dr.	
Natasha Peasey	229 W. Oakbrook Dr.	
Troy Morris	225 W Oakbrook Dr	

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- 1) Increase the size of our facility.
- 2) Increase the number of dogs to which we can provide service.
- 3) Be authorized to be able to extend our hours.

I support the Special Use Permit being requested by Arbor Dog Daycare for 2856 S. Main St, Ann Arbor, MI.

Name (please print)	Address	Signature
JEANETTE PETRIE	1933 Pleasure-Parkway	Jeanette Petrie
Sennie Profumo	125 N. Lima St, Dexter	Sennie Profumo
Amy Szczepanski	1916 Miller Ann Arbor	Amy Szczepanski
Tudy Collins	555 Katz Farm Ct Saline	Tudy Collins
M. J. Coon	1901 Austin Ave, Ann Arbor	M. J. Coon
Carolyn Graves	1415 Abbott, Ann Arbor	Carolyn Graves
Kathleen Burchi	2354 Peters Rd. A ² MI	K. Burchi
Lori Bush	19991 Boetger, Manchester, MI	Lori Bush
Shannon Duffy	114 Riverside Dr. Manchester	Shannon Duffy
Candace L. Sorensen	P.O. Box 328 Whitaker, MI 48190	Candace Sorensen
Susan A. Lennon	210 Lake Village Dr #108 Ann Arbor, MI 48103	Susan Lennon
Rick Burdick	3535 Dexter-Ann Arbor Rd	Rick Burdick
GRETCHEN AIDOR	910 Victory Way Ste 100 Ann Arbor	Gretchen Aidor
Pamela Kurtz	2900 Logan Ct, A ² , MI	Pamela Kurtz
Allison Crowder	50305 Uptown Ave Canton	Allison Crowder
Linda Coon	935 Wildwood Ln, Ann Arbor	Linda Coon
Jessica Preston	5601 Meunier Rd Ypsilanti	Jessica Preston
Margaret Wilson	3370 Williamsburg Ave	Margaret Wilson

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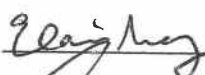




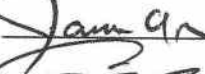
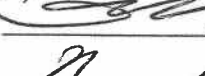







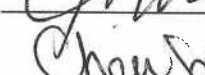
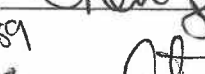

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Elaine Meyer	2702 Cranbrook Rd A2, MI 48104	
Jesse LaJoye	225 Fieldcrest	
Susan Rodriguez	6894 Lawley Rd, Buckeye 48169	
Myung Choi	2323 Woodview Ln 48148	
Ryan Molloy	215 Lake Village Dr. #103 48103	
Jim Spicer	2527 Country Village Ct. 48103	
Chris Nordstrom	1325 Admar Ave., A2, 48103	
Mike Krueh	41736 Conner Creek Court, MI	
Kathryn Keyes	8324 Redwood Trail, MI ⁴⁸¹²⁷ 48130	
Bob Dink	1251 Hill Ave Ypsi 48198	
Christine O'Connor	105 Fieldcrest St. #201 48103	
ROD GLOGOWER	1809 Hill St. 48104	
ELVA BARTON	2411 Colony Ct A2 48104	
Mavis Gerzon	1360 Astor Ave 48104	
Emily Woodcock	216 E Ainsworth St. Ypsilanti 48197	
Cheri Jackson	412 Westbrook Whitman Lake MI	
Courtney Hays	4144 Lake Forest Drive W. ⁴⁸¹⁸⁹ 48110	

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Susan McLain	5963 Drexel St. Dearborn Heights, MI 48127	Sus McLain
Tracy Kargas	1258 Rue Willette Ypsilanti MI 48198	Tracy Kargas
Sean Layow	3274 Lancaster Lane, Northville, MI 48167	Sean Layow
James Clark	6252 Asper Way Ypsilanti, MI 48198	James Clark
Aaron Gillett	106 W. Madison St Ann Arbor MI 48103	Aaron Gillett
Eric Wolf	2190 K View Dr #4791 Ypsilanti MI 48198	Eric Wolf
Monica Skypinski	440 Roosevelt St Canton MI 48188	Monica Skypinski
Molly Champoux	3712 Beech Dr. Ypsilanti MI 48197	Molly Champoux
Margaret Sivokada	467 Boston Ypsilanti, MI 48197	Margaret Sivokada
Chelsea Patnaud	31000 Ranchero Dr. Apt 105 Ann Arbor, MI	Chelsea Patnaud
Josh Binkley	221 S Washington St Ypsilanti, MI 48197	Josh Binkley
Emily Kende	603 Lawrence St. Ann Arbor MI	Emily Kende
Mike Rose	3240 McLomb Ann Arbor	Mike Rose
Bob Wachs	4091 Buckeye Lane, Ann Arbor	Bob Wachs
Brian Szymanski	1569 Addington Lane, A ² , MI 48108	Brian Szymanski
Greg Uroda	223 Buena Vista Ave Ann Arbor MI 48103	Greg Uroda

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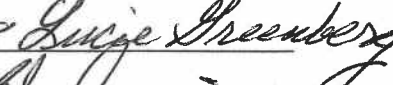


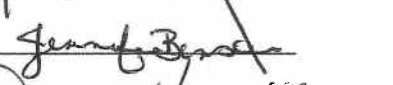
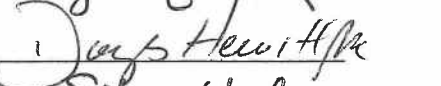






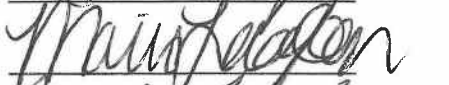

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Ellen Urda	223 Buena Vista Ann Arbor 48103	
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Matthew Sherrad	2411 Colony Court, Ann Arbor, MI, 48104	
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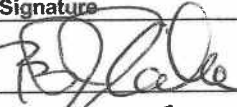


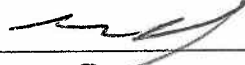


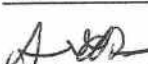
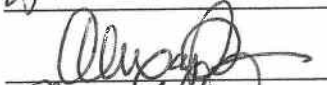
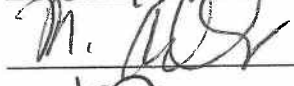


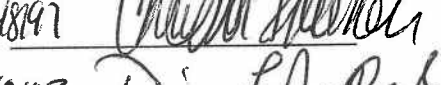

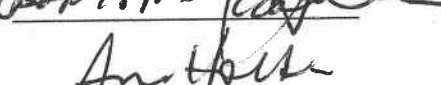
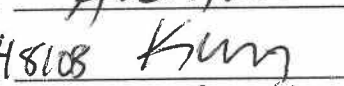

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MARY C CRISON	602 Peninsula Ct #2 48105	Mary Crison
Danielle Lewis	1443 Natalie Ln #304 Ann Arbor, MI 48105	Danielle Lewis
Kathleen Burchi	2354 Peters Rd. Ann Arbor 48103	K. Burchi
Candlyn Graves	1715 Abbott Ann Arbor 48103	C. Graves
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Jennie McAlpine	6079 Loma Dr SA monroeville	Jennie McAlpine
Tracy Winkelman	14277 Dixon Rd. Dundee MI 48131	Tracy Winkelman
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Miriam Rosado	316 Village Circle - A2 48108	Miriam Rosado
Susan Lennox	735 Creekstone Ln, Chelsea 48118	Susan Lennox
NJ Johnson	3613 Burbank Dr. A2 MI 48105	NJ Johnson
JEANETTE PETRIE	1933 Pleasure Dr Pinckney 48169	Jeanette Petrie
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From: Peter Svoboda [mailto:psvobod1@twcny.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2010 1:25 AM
To: Planning
Cc: Cheng, Christopher
Subject: Letter to Planning Commission & CCheng Re Arbor Dog Daycare

I am Jon's father.

I can tell you one of the main drivers, and most likely the main driver of opening this business, was not money, but Jon and Margaret's love and caring for dogs. This is evidenced throughout his life. Jon became involved with supporting the Huron Valley Humane Society over 15 years ago. He is also the president of the board of the Buster Foundation, a local dog rescue based out of Belleville. He and Margaret have personally rescued and fostered numerous dogs in their home, including their current foster dog that was relinquished into their custody from a scheduled euthanasia. These are the actions of compassionate people, not a greed driven corporation.

With regard to Arbor Dog Daycare, I should also like to note that it was voted the best dog daycare / boarding favorite in 2008 and 2009 by the Michigan Tail's Reader's Choice Awards.

As I look over the comments on Ann Arbor.com, the one thing I notice is that for the most part, the votes in favor are trying to make logical arguments, and the comments against are pretty emotional and based on trying to engage fears about something that MIGHT happen.

To those who wrote these merely emotional reactions, and apparently having no facts at hand, I say this. To mkw who lives in the country, Mr. Granger, who wants to be able to sit on his patio and hear the birds, and AA, are you aware that Arbor Dog Daycare is *sound proofed*? Do you realize that, if you stand outside the daycare you would not be able to hear any dog barking. I have been to the Ann Arbor Dog Daycare many times, and on each occasion have not noticed any disturbing noise. That's pretty darn good if you ask me.

Furthermore, are you also aware of the fact in terms of the outside dog exercise area, that my son has a policy that if any dog is barking outside, they are to be brought in immediately, and the incident is to be reported to the owners for further possible preventable action. Are you also aware that the number of dogs in the outside play area is **NOT INCREASING**. I have seen the 10 minute video tape that Margaret, my daughter in law made, where she walked to each of the housing units and then ended up at the outside dog run area, where there were 20 dogs outside at that time, and this is pretty solid evidence, that the sound issue has been addressed.

I know according to the article in the paper, that there was an incident of a dog barking. Incidents like this are going to happen from time to time. My son looked into that and found that it had been reported to a manager twice, but due to some sort of foul up, the dog was left outside, and he has held special meetings with his employees to help prevent, and reduce any such possible incidents in the future.

My son and daughter in law have bent over backwards to address this issue, and I think he and Margaret have taken all steps to reduce any possible problem.

I should note here that when my son had the sound study done, they found that there was considerable barking coming not from the daycare, but from neighbors who had dogs in the area. Does this mean that these neighbors should get rid of their dogs? In all fairness, if the planning commission votes against the expansion, then the logic should follow that no new neighbors, or current neighbors, can have a dog because that would be the only way to fully solve the problem.

There have also been some unsound and unfounded comments by AA, MKW, and Mr. Granger, who seem to be flailing about, and making some comments casting aspersions on my son and daughter .in law, in the comments to the Ann Arbor news..

Mr. Granger, referring to MKW's arithmetic, which does not take in any of the very considerable costs, writes in his latest "That is serious money, and this expansion is about profit. That is plenty of money to influence an Ann Arbor election."

Ann Arbor Dog Daycare is a small business. It is not a megalith, it is not Wal-Mart, or some major factory. It is trying to survive, operate, care for dogs, be a good neighbor, and make a little profit. Once you take into account rent, insurance, considerable payroll, unemployment insurance, disability insurance, soundproofing, and all the other expenses, the profit margin is much smaller than you think.

Granger now seems to now suggest that money is being used for bribery, or will be offered in the future. There seems to be no end to his incessant negative, mixed, and convoluted rants, which appeal to fear and other negative emotions. Next, perhaps he will be suggesting that it is a major corporate or communist plot.

Arbor Dog Daycare is a small business that was started by two very caring people, who invested a great deal money, in trying to establish a dog day care facility in the area, and from everything I can see, barring an occasional incident, there is no reason why this business can not co-exist with the housing in the area.

In closing, I would like to once again state the following facts. First, Arbor Dog Daycare is pretty well soundproofed, any further expansion would be done with similar sound proofing. If you stand outside the Daycare, right outside its door, it will be hard for anyone to hear any disturbing noise. In addition, the housing complexes are a considerable distance away and there are several additional buffers such as trees and fencing . Second the number of dogs who will be allowed outside at any one given time is **NOT CHANGING -NOT CHANGING -NOT CHANGING**. If the number of outside dogs in the play area is NOT increased from what it is now, the sound will not increase. Three, a policy is in place to bring in any dog immediately which is barking that might create a distressing noise that could affect any neighbors. Fourth, the videotape made by my daughter in law pretty clearly demonstrates that from any of the apartment complexes, you can not hear disturbing noises coming from the daycare.

The world isn't perfect. I am sure there will be an occasional incident. But with the soundproofing and NO INCREASE in the number of dogs outside, there is no rational argument for voting no for the requested change. My son and daughter in law are doing everything possible to be a good neighbor. They are a good neighbor. I am hoping that logic, reason, and fairness will win out over fear. If it does not, it will be a travesty.

Peter Svoboda

—Original Message—

From: Laurie Mclean 1 [mailto:lamclean@umich.edu]

Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2010 8:23 AM

To: Planning

Subject: Project# SEU09-001: Arbor Dog Daycare

Planning Commission Members:

Because I will be out of town for the public hearing on Tuesday, Oct. 19th, I am writing to support Arbor Dog Daycare's request for expansion for their special use permit. We have been happy clients of Arbor Dog Daycare for three years, since adopting our dog Tansy from the Huron Valley Humane Society. Tansy appealed to us because of her intelligence and high energy which make her a joy to have as a hiking and walking companion, frisbee star and athletic swimmer. However, because both my husband and I work in the Detroit area, we are not home much during the week to keep her occupied. If it were not for her second home at Arbor Dog Daycare we may not have been able to keep her happy and healthy. The three days per week that she is able to spend at daycare keep her from being bored and destructive during the times when we are not home.

Arbor Dog Daycare provides a service that is much needed in any community.

The location is perfect, not too far from home and freeways, and well separated from congested housing or business areas. It is also a locally owned business. I strongly encourage you to approve this special exemption use expansion for the good of the Ann Arbor community.

Laurie McLean
675 Vine Court
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

From: Susan Coon [mailto:susan.coon@duke.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 10:48 AM
To: Planning
Subject: Please reconsider Arbor Dog Daycare's request to expand

Dear Planning Commission:

Arbor Dog Daycare has been a strong member of our community in its current location for 4 years now. Most neighbors were unaware of the Daycare's existence until the request to expand was sent out. Reading over the agreements that they came to with the neighboring residential communities, it is apparent that not increasing the outdoor area usage satisfied these housing communities. In referencing the original submission, it is apparent that the vast majority of resident concerns presented were based upon the potential impact of an increase in dogs on Odor and Sound. The agreements obtained by Arbor Dog Daycare from the neighboring communities addressed these concerns in a manner in and submitted to the Planning Commission should have answered these concerns. Out of the several hundred notified of this request, only two individuals remain with issues. This puts those remaining opposed at less than 1% of the surrounding residents. In support, the Owners have met with all of the neighboring facilities, obtained their buy-in along with several hundred signatures in support. It never crossed my mind that with all they have done to ensure that they comply with the Planning Commission's requests, that their request would have been rejected.

The fact that their request was rejected for something that wasn't included in the Special Exception Use request is quite concerning, as they committed to continue to hold the number of dogs outdoors in the "Dog Run" to 25 at any one time.

It is my request that the Planning Commission reverse their decision and allow Arbor Dog Daycare the Special Exception Use Permit as they requested.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sue Coon, daughter of MJ Coon, who lives at 1901 Austin Ave, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104

From: Steven A. Reed [mailto:steve@reedlawgroupcc.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2010 7:03 AM
To: Planning
Subject: Arbor Daycare Special Exception Use

Dear Planning & Development Services' Representative and Commission,

I own a condominium and reside at 200 Briarcrest Drive #120, Ann Arbor MI 48104, which means I am within two blocks or less of Arbor Dog Daycare. I did not respond to the earlier requests for comments; however, I must respond now.

I am strongly opposed to granting the exception and to continued debate on this issue.

I purchased my condominium understanding that there was a small dog daycare facility located in the area. In my view it is similar to purchasing a residence close to the Ann Arbor Airport. To now suggest that the size of the dog daycare be increased as has been requested is not appropriate, any more than telling the resident that purchased a home next to the Ann Arbor Airport that the airport is being increased to the size of Metro Airport. The long term effect will be to lower the value of my property and **I would request that you once again deny the request.**

For the record, I own two dogs and I frequently walk around the area so I see and hear Arbor Dog Daycare current operations. I am not anti dogs and I believe the current size is acceptable. The increase will not serve any significantly larger public policy (e.g., a significant increase in the number of local jobs), instead only serving at best to increase the net profits for the owners.

It does not make sense based upon the current issues confronting the City of Ann Arbor to continue to debate this issue and to continue to use limited time and City of Ann Arbor resources on this issue. The request was denied after a fair opportunity for input and consideration and nothing new is being presented at the rehearing that was not or could not have been presented at the initial hearing. Arbor Dog Daycare fails to demonstrate that the Ann Arbor Planning Commission was misled in any manner, instead merely alleging the same statements that were initially made at the last hearing.

Once again, I request that the special exception use be denied and that no further debate be allowed on this issue.

/s/ Steven A. Reed

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